

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A combination vaccine for the protection of poultry against *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale*, wherein said combination vaccine comprises a live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* strain and a live attenuated poultry virus, and wherein said live, over attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* strain is not capable of inducing a protective immune response to *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* in animals primed with a virulent pathogen **that predisposes the animal for infection with a secondary pathogenic bacterium.**
2. (previously presented) The combination vaccine according to claim 1, wherein said live attenuated poultry virus is Infectious Bronchitis virus, Newcastle Disease virus, Turkey Rhinotracheitis virus, Marek's virus or Avian Reovirus.
3. (previously presented) The combination vaccine according to claim 1, wherein said live attenuated poultry virus is Infectious Bronchitis virus, Newcastle Disease virus or Turkey Rhinotracheitis virus.
4. (previously presented) The combination vaccine according to claim 1, wherein said live attenuated poultry virus is Newcastle Disease virus.
5. (previously presented) The combination vaccine according to claim 1, wherein said live attenuated poultry virus is Newcastle Disease virus type NDC2.
6. (previously presented) The combination vaccine according to claim 1, wherein said live attenuated poultry virus is Turkey Rhinotracheitis virus.

7. (previously presented) The combination vaccine according to claim 1, wherein said live attenuated poultry virus is Infectious Bronchitis virus.
8. (previously presented) The combination vaccine according to claim 1, wherein said live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* has a mutation, said mutation preferably being a deletion in the *purD*-gene or the *recA*-gene that reduces the activity of those genes.
9. (previously presented) The combination vaccine according to claim 1, wherein said combination vaccine comprises an additional antigen from a virus or micro-organism pathogenic to poultry or genetic information encoding said antigen.
10. (previously presented) The combination vaccine according to claim 9, wherein the virus or micro-organism is selected from the group consisting of Infectious Bronchitis virus, Infectious Bursal Disease (Gumboro), Chicken Anaemia agent, Avian Reovirus, *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*, Turkey Rhinotracheitis virus, *Haemophilus paragallinarum* (Coryza), Chicken Poxvirus, Avian Encephalomyelitisvirus, Duck Plague virus, Egg Drop syndrome virus, Infectious Laryngotracheitis virus, Herpes Virus of Turkeys, Eimeria species, *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale*, *Pasteurella multocida*, *Mycoplasma synoviae*, *Salmonella* species and *E. coli*.
11. (previously presented) A method of protecting poultry against *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* comprising administering the combination vaccine of claim 1.
12. (previously presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein the live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* strain and the live attenuated poultry virus are administered simultaneously, separately or sequentially.

13. (previously presented) A method for preparing the combination vaccine according to claim 1 wherein said method comprises the admixing of a live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* strain, a live attenuated poultry virus and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

14. (previously presented) A vaccination kit for the immunization of poultry against

*Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale*, wherein said kit comprises

- a) a live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* strain;
- b) a live attenuated poultry virus;
- c) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier for (a); and
- d) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier for (b).

15. (previously presented) A vaccination kit according to claim 14, wherein the carrier of (c) or (d) comprises an adjuvant.